

REMARKS

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action mailed February 2, 2004. Reconsideration of the present case is earnestly requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1 – 9 were rejected. Claim 10 was objected to, but was stated to be allowable if placed in independent form. Claims 14-34 were allowed. Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for consideration of these claims.

Claims 1-41 were pending prior to the present amendment. Claims 1-7, 9, and 11-41 will be pending in the application after entry of the present amendment.

Claim 1 has been amended to accept the allowable subject matter indicated in the Office Action. In particular, the subject matter of claims 8 and 10 has been included in claim 1, and claims 8 and 10 have been cancelled. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and those dependent therefrom are allowable.

Claims 11-13 and 35-41 were withdrawn by Examiner. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional and/or continuation applications capturing subject matter of claims 11-13 and/or 35-41.

The Office Action states that claims 14-34 were allowed.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel PC Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5190-00107/JCH.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☒ Notice of Change of Address

Respectfully submitted,



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